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TESTA (103/77/9)

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- 1. IN RESPONSE TO YOUR INQUIRY REGARDING FATHER JOHN FRANCO TESTA, WE INFORMED YOU BY CABLE ON MARCH 14 THAT FATHER TESTA'S EXECUTIVE DETENTION WAS RESCINDED BY PRESIDENTIAL DECREE 568 OF MARCH 8, 1978.
- 2. WE INITIATED A FURTHER INQUIRY WITH THE FOREIGN OFFICE WORKING GROUP REGARDING THE CRIMINAL CHARGES PENDING AGAINST HIM AND HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT FATHER TESTA WAS SENTENCED TO A SEVEN YEAR PRISON TERM BY THE FEDERAL JUDGE OF CHACO PROVINCE. HIS SENTENCE WILL END ON APRIL 15, 1981.
- 3. SINCERELY YOURS, RAUL CASTRO, AMBASSADOR. CASTRO

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